

EPA ACTIVITIES AS OF JUNE 16

EPA Site Activities

- June 16: Mayor Anthony Copeland of East Chicago wrote to the Acting Regional Administrator requesting immediate relocation of the residents, implementation of an emergency removal action, and reconsideration of the ROD.
- June 22: ATSDR met with City health representatives to discuss the City's concerns.
- June 30: The Acting RA met with the Mayor to discuss the City's concerns.
- July 5: EPA initiated a campaign to educate residents about steps they can take to reduce exposure to lead. This campaign includes door-to-door outreach, flyer distribution, and installation of signs in the neighborhood.
- July 7: EPA began using mulch to cover bare soil within the Zone 1 residential properties and at the nearby playground.
- July 8, 11, 12: EPA sent letters to residents notifying them of EPA's soil sampling results.
- July 12: EPA requested access to the housing facility from the City and ECHA, so that EPA could begin indoor sampling. As of July 18, both parties appear reluctant to grant such access.
- July 12: EPA requested a meeting to discuss mowing practices. The City delayed the meeting until the evening of July 14.
- July 13: Final version of the flyer distributed to residents.
- July 14: EPA set up weekly calls with attorneys from ECHA and the City to improve communications.
- July 15: EPA held a call with ECHA maintenance contractors to modify mowing and other maintenance practices to reduce dust dispersion.

EPA/HUD Discussions

- June 28: EPA met with HUD regional environmental officers to discuss the Site.
- July 6: EPA met with HUD personnel, including management in charge of "demolition and disposition," to discuss relocation at the Site.
- July 13: EPA held a call with senior HUD personnel and provided general Site background.

- July 18: Senior HUD attorneys joined a weekly call with the City/ECHA.

Information Provided to ECHA/City

- June 20: Soil sampling results for the park and school
- June 24: 2012 removal action reports
- July 8: Draft letters to residents and sample results
- July 13: Draft RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) report for the USS Lead facility
- July 13: Information regarding shredded rubber mulch
- July 13: More specific historic blood-lead information provided by ATSDR